

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2011

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo and Madow, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle and WPCA Secretary Patricia Bidmead and business owner Mir Sabbir Ahmed.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the minutes of 12/21/2010 to include the following amendments:

Main Plant: 5th sentence correct the word **pimp** with **pump**.

Main Plant: 7th sentence replace the word **us** with **WPCA**.

At this time Mir Sabbir Ahmed, owner of Irving Gas Station at 179 Watertown Road, approached the Board regarding the car wash at this location that he is planning to reopen. The paperwork required by the WPCA for the Part A and Part B application was not acceptable and there was a discrepancy regarding the gallonage that could possibly be used at the car wash. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Ahmed will get the proper paperwork and attend the next meeting.

Election of Officers: On a motion by Vice-Ch. Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to re-appoint Tom Mueller, as Chairman. Motions carries.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to re-appoint Joe Fainer as Vice-Chairman. Motion carries.

On a motion by Vice-Ch. Fainer, seconded by Madow, it was voted to re-appoint John Piscopo as Secretary. Motion carries.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE

MAIN PLANT: We are still experiencing some problems with sludge settle ability. It is not getting any worse and we have not added any more chlorine.

Rich received all the analytical results regarding the N.P.D.E.S. permit renewal which must be sent to DEP by March 29, 2011.

Due to the holidays and inclement weather Rich has not be able to get together with Crane America to work on the WPCA policy.

There was a problem with water coming out of the ground from the discharge line servicing the sump station in the operation building. CBYD was notified and Joe's Sanitation responded and made the repair. The gas company noticed that this is a private plastic line and advised Rich that the WPCA is completely responsible for it and this line may not meet code. Rich will check with Maguire about this issue.

Rich's computer was infected with a virus on Monday, 01/31/11. He brought it to Home & Office Computer Services in town and got it back repaired on Tuesday morning.

PUMP STATIONS: The #1 pump at the Woodbridge Lane pump station was replaced with a used spare pump which has about 6 months of working hours on it. We do have one new spare pump available at the station. The cutting mechanism of the pump was damaged. The price for a new pump is \$2,692 with a 4 week delivery time. Rich feels it would be better to order a new one rather than spend the money to repair the damaged one.

Due to the large amount of snow at Highwood Farms pump station Rich hired Clocktown Landscaping to snow blow that driveway. We were unable to do it with the town vehicles. After another 2 storms John Fox used his own snow blower to remove the snow. Due to the anticipation of future storms, Rich spoke with Ch. Mueller about purchasing a snow blower which was ordered at a cost of \$1194 and should be received this week. We also experienced problems while running the generator under load at the Hickory Hill pump station. Huntington Powers made some adjustments which were covered under warrantee. There are still pending issues that need to be resolved.

At the Kennedy Drive pump station we received 2 high level alarms 10 days apart. Some lines were jetted and there appears there might be a problem about 175' from the pump station. To confirm this we may need to uncover a manhole that is buried with new pavement. We have been checking manholes every few days and have not had any backups.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: There was a sewage backup at the home of 14 Homestead Park. It was found to be caused by roots in their lateral and not a town issue.

CORREPENDENCE: The following paperwork was passed around to the Board.

1. A letter from CTDEP regarding a workshop on the FOG program on Jnauary 20th which Rich attended.
2. The September payment from Constellation New Energy in the amount of \$196.56.
3. The Water Compliance Inspection Report from CTDEP with no concerns.
4. A certificate of Compliance for Proficiency Testing for 2010 with an acceptance rate of 100%.
5. The Town Council Budget F/Y 07/01/11-06/30/12 letter agreement. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to approve the annual \$4,000 retainer fee for Attorney Rybak which gets paid in tow installments.
6. An email from Sue Smith regarding a Notice to Participants in the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan. Due to one provision that was of concern to the WPCA, a letter was drafted by Vice-Ch. Fainer addressed to the Steve Turner, Chairman of the Thomaston Pension Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: The sampling that was requested by the WPCA was not done yet.

Hickory Hill PS: See pump stations.

Kennedy Drive PS: See pump stations.

Conservation & Development: Still waiting for the modified maps.

Capital Improvements: Rich passed out the request reports which the Board discussed and will get back to at the next meeting. There were 4 separate requests done.

- 1) Woodbridge Lane Pump Station
- 2) Hickory Hill generator and the 1994 Ford Explorer
- 3) The Phosphorus project
- 4) The web rehab

User fee review: No new information.

FOG Program: Rich sent out another letter to those food establishments that he has not heard from.

List of equipment needed for sewage system: Rich does not plan on purchasing any new equipment at this time unless it is an emergency repair or safety issue.

US Automation: No new information.

Phosphorus: Covered under Capital Improvements.

On call engineering: A meeting is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 16th at 4:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

Budget: No issues with the present budget. Rich passed around the 11-12 budget draft. A discussion ensued and it was decided to review the figures again at the next meeting.

Adjournment: On a motion by Madow, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 10:35PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD
WPCA SECRETARY